

Dec. 6, 2023

“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.”

Today’s Program

Tammy Ursery, DPA: “Let it Glow” Light Show and Other DPA Christmas Activities

Christmas Parade News

From Clinton Smith, President, Martin Kiwanis Club:

The City of Martin Christmas Parade was amazing! Over 75 entries with over 100 vehicles, floats, and horses. Many thanks to the many years of experience from the members of the Martin Kiwanis Club who helped make this a great success and one of the highlights of our Kiwanis year. Kudos to our parade chair, Laura Taylor! Great job!

From Laura Taylor, 2023 Christmas Parade Chair: WOW!!!! What a great turnout and successful parade we had last night! I want to thank you all for your help, assistance, and guidance that lead up to last night for making it be so successful. Last night, whether you helped set up the tent, signed people in, directed entries to their spots, provided assistance in the lots, brought candy, drove someone else’s truck to make sure everything was covered, made sure people were in order ready to go, or did anything behind the scenes, it definitely made for a successful and fun night. We all make a great team with the many different levels of experience and talents.

Observations: Members helping in the parade last night included Clinton, Laura, Danelle, Jim, Anna, Linda R., Linda L., Katy, Jayne, Bill, Steve, Earl, Ann, Chris, Vincent, David, Sara, Joyce, Mary Elizabeth, David, and David Spencer

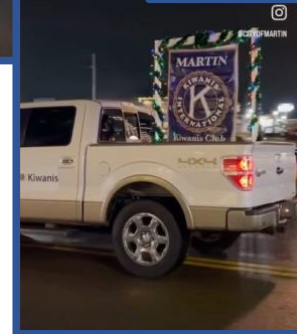
From my notes in 2015: Those of us of a certain age know the Four Seasons song “Oh, What a Night.” The subject matter of that song is quite different from a Christmas parade, but it more or less sums up last night’s activities. There is a moment when the parade chair looks up and sees the lineup of police cars and fire trucks floats, vehicles, bands, horses, walkers, etc. and knows we are going to have a great night. When Santa arrives, the last piece of the puzzle for the parade falls into place! To me, there is no more exciting moment in our Kiwanis club as when those sirens go off! JC

To right: Scenes we couldn’t see — snared from City of Martin Parade Video recorded last night.

Martin Kiwanis Calendar

- Apr. 26-8 — Key Leader 2024
- Dec. 13 — No noon meeting, evening celebration at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 20, 27 No meetings
- Jan. 3 — First Kiwanis meeting of 2024
- Jan. 4 — January Board Meeting, 12 noon, Martin
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- Feb. 24 — Pancake Day (or maybe Feb. 17)
- Apr. 26-8 — Key Leader 2024

Christmas Gathering Dec. 13. Good food! Great company! Music! Surprises! All are welcome, so please bring your good Christmas spirit, a dish (or item) to share, and a friend to also enjoy this pleasant occasion. We are planning for about 25 people, but please let us know what you plan to bring and how guests you will bring so we can be prepared. We will have the sign-up sheet with us at the Kiwanis meeting on Wednesday, and we will also send a follow-up email.



Active Members

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Bill Austin
Mary Elizabeth Bell
Otha Britton
Anna Clark
Jim Clark
Danelle Fabianich
Wayne Fields
Ann Gathers
Bettye Giles
Vickie Hazlewood
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Annie Jones
Steve Lemond
Linda Luther
John Mayros
Jennifer Medford
Mary Morgan
Katie Parr
Jayne Parrish
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